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| Application Number     | 09/874,940     |
| Filing Date            | June 4, 2001   |
| First Named Inventor   | Bruce M. Ruana |
| Art Unit               | 3671           |
| Examiner Name          | Tara L. Mayo   |
| Attorney Docket Number | RUANA-001      |

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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| Name (Print/Type) | Timothy A. Brisson | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 44,046           |
| Signature         |                    | Date                              | November 3, 2004 |

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Sir:

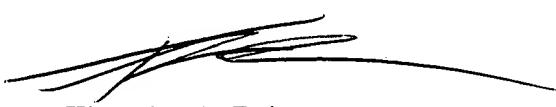
Enclosed for filing please find a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal; a Response to the Advisory Action dated October 6, 2004; a Request for Extension of Time; and a check in the amount of \$610.00 for the RCE fee and 2 month extension fee for a small entity.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: November 3, 2004

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated October 6, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.